

I would like to strongly protest the proposed FCC changes in the ownership of media outlets. By expanding the number of outlets allowed to individual corporations within media markets will reduce further the quality of media in this country, it will reduce the choices offered and limit the point of view available to consumers. It will also imperil the vitality of one of the cornerstones of our democracy, the fourth estate. By limiting competition, it will offer listeners and viewers only a narrow scope of opinion that will increasingly beholden to corporate interests. I urge the FCC not to widen the ownership rules, but on the contrary, to look again at the congressional mandate, that these are the public's airwaves, and to reintroduce rules that ensure a wide net of conflicting ideas in our media landscape.